Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No; but scholarships are granted.

(*b*) No change has been made in the rules relating to the award of scholarships.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know what is the relevant rule for the award of scholarships to Muslim girls?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: The rule is No. 126 E. in the Education Code, which runs as follows:

> "All Mahamedan girls attending English Schools will be awarded scholarships at the rates admissible for Mahomedan boys in such institutions."

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether these scholarships were awarded during the last academic year?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes, Sir. All Mahomedan girls in English Schools were awarded scholarships.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether Government have received any complaint from any institution regarding the non-payment of scholarships?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: There were complaints from one school in Kazhakuttom. They were enquired into and it was found that the scholarships had all been disbursed.

Dangerous condition of a causeway in Shencottah taluk.

12. * **Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from the villagers of Ayikudi and Klangand in Shencottah taluk about the dangerous condition of the existing causeway over the Hanuman river and praying for the construction of a bridge; and

(*b*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the construction of the bridge?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know when the estimate was prepared?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It was prepared in 1931.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know why the construction has not taken place during the last 10 years?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It was not considered a very urgent one.

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Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether the Government have received representations stating the dangerous nature of the bridge and that many accidents have taken place due to want of a bridge there?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: There is no bridge there; it is only a causeway.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether accidents have taken place at the causeway?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: We have not received any information regarding accidents.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: What is the amount of the estimate already prepared?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: The estimate amounts to Rs. 12,600.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether any amount was allotted during the previous years?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: No, not during the last four or five years.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: So this Rs. 12,000 had been granted in this year's budget?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It is only an estimate.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether Government will take early steps for the construction of this bridge?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It will not be possible to take up this construction in the immediate future because we cannot get iron and cement.

Tamil High School at Eraniel.

13. * **Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there have been applications for establishing a Tamil High School at Eraniel;

(*b*) whether the Kalkulam Taluk is inhabited by large number of Tamil speaking people; and

(*c*) what steps have been taken to start a Tamil High School in that District?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No steps have been taken as, on investigation, it is found that there is not much scope for a Tamil High School at the place and that there is difficulty about accommodation and premises for the additional classes.

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